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Dean Andrews 'Steals' Truth

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"Who steals my purse steals trash . . .

"But he that filches from me my good name

"Robs me of that which not enriches him

"And makes me poor indeed." —Shakespeare

Truth and Consequences has lost its name.

That's the truth, and it's the consequence of an action by attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr.

THE STATES-ITEM LEARNED yesterday from the secretary of state's office in Baton Rouge that Andrews called

on May 19 and reserved by phone the corporate name "Truth and Consequences Inc." for 90 days. He has until Aug. 19 to make a formal charter request.

The name has been used since February by a group of supporters of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison who have been bankrolling Garrison's investigation of a purported conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews is not a supporter of Garrison.

In fact, he's under indictment for perjury as a result of Garrison's contention that he lied before the grand jury on matters relating to the assassination investigation. The

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charges led to his suspension from his job as assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish.

ASKED WHAT HE PLANNED to do with the name, Andrews said, "Sit on it," but added that he has a client who might make a formal charter request.

His reason for the move, he said, is that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Just a defensive measure," he said, somewhat mysteriously.

Willard E. Robertson, an official of what used to be Truth and Consequences, said he learned of Andrews' action

and checked with counsel to see if the action was legal. It was.

ROBERTSON SAID THE attorney informed him that "anyone can apply to the secretary of state's corporate name division and apply for any name. The first person to apply gets it."

He said the Garrison group never registered the name because the members decided not to incorporate.

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"It looks like we'll have to change our name," Robertson admitted.

However, said Robertson, the name loss won't hamper the investigation in any way and "we still support Jim Garrison."

Besides, he said, even if Andrews has the name, "What can he do with it?"

Or, to quote Shakespeare again:

"What's in a name?"